Regulation on Private I.T. Institutes

2039. SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR: Will **the** Minister of INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have seen the news-item titled "Infotech Slump has students worried" appearing in the Hindustan Times dated the 4th June, 2001;

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto;

(c) what steps Government are contemplating to impart training to students by highly qualified and professionally managed companies in information technology so that they find employment after completing courses in private institutes; and

(d) whether Government propose to bring a legislation for regulation on private I.T. Institutes in the country and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Indian software industry has been doing consistently well during the last few years recording an annual average growth exceeding 50 percent. Government is supplementing the efforts of the Industry by providing critical inputs and removing the bottlenecks in the path of software development.

(c) In order to facilitate and promote industry-institute interaction, AICTE has a number of schemes like MODROBS, TAPTEC, R&D, Entrcprcncurship Management Development etc. In addition, AICTE also has a number of schemes for Faculty Development and Training like Quality Improvement Programme (QIP), Early Faculty Induction Programme (EFIP), Continuing Education Programme (CEP) etc.

(d) No such proposal is under consideration of the Government.